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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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☐ in computer readable form
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP 9-18055 A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 17 January 1997</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2000-294832 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 20 October 2000</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2003-324215 A (Toyota Gosei Co., Ltd.), 14 November 2003</p> <p>Document 4: JP 2002-222996 A (Rohm Co., Ltd.), 09 August 2002</p> <p>Document 1 (paragraphs 0010 to 0012, figure 1) describes a lighting device provided with a substrate having a print pattern, a light emitting diode fastened to the substrate, a frame having a slanted surface fastened to the substrate using an adhesive, and a lens in which striped shaped projections are stopped and fastened at stopping portions formed on the frame. In particular, paragraph 0012 describes that an inclination angle of a lateral surface of the frame is slanted at an angle not greater than 45 degrees.</p> <p>Document 2 (paragraph 0021) describes using an adhesive agent in fastening a lens to the frame.</p> <p>Document 3 (paragraph 0029) and document 4 (paragraph 0003), describe providing a resin layer that covers a light emitting element inside the frame in the lighting device and a resin layer having a visible light conversion substance arranged on this resin layer.</p> <p>Applying the techniques described in documents 2-4 to the lighting device described in document 1 would present no particular difficulty.</p> <p>Thus, the inventions of claims 1 to 7 do not appear to possess inventive step.</p>			